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SUBJECT: NEW DUTCH GOVERNMENT: NEW CABINET' S CONSTITUENT
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING MAY 11 WITH SWEARING-
IN BY QUEEN IN AFTERNOON

REF: THE HAGUE 2118

1. SUMMARY: DEN UYL CABINET PLANNING TO HOLD ITS CON-
STITUENT MEETING 10:30 AM MAY 11. SWEARING- IN BY QUEEN
SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON SAME DAY. BUT FORMATEURS STILL
EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN SORTING OUT STATE SECRETARIES
SITUATION AND THIS COULD CAUSE SLIPPAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEN UYL' S GOVT FIRST OR CONSTITUENT CABINET MEETING
SET FOR 10:30 AM MORNING MAY 10. AFTER MEETING CONCLUDED
CABINET WOULD BE SWORN IN BY QUEEN. CABINET WOULD THEN
BEGIN WORK ON PREPARATION OF GOVT STATEMENT DATE FOR WHICH
STILL UNCERTAIN. SECOND CHAMBER ADJOURNED MAY 9 AND WILL
NOT RESUME SESSION UNTIL DEN UYL DELIVERS GOVT STATEMENT.
AS REPORTED REFTEL MINISTER PRONK THINKS THIS WILL BE JUNE 5
BUT HIS COLLEAGUE STATE SECRETARY STEMERDINK TOLD EMBOFF
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MAY 9 MORE LIKELY DATE WAS MAY 28 OR 29.

3. FORMATEURS BURGER AND RUPPERT HAVE BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS FINALIZING THEIR STATE SECRETARY SLATE. VAN DAM PROBLEM HAS NOW BEEN SOLVED. HE WILL BE WITH WESTERTERP AT WATERWAYS. VAN HULTEN SHIFTS TO HOUSING. ANNEKE GOUDSMIT OF D-66, SLATED FOR JUSTICE, DECLINED TO SERVE AFTERNOON MAY 10. SHE SAID SHE IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT VAN AGT- ALBEDA FORMULATION ON ABORTION, QUESTION WHICH FALLS INTO JUSTICE MINISTRY' S PURVIEW. NKV PRESENT MERTENS WILL CONSULT HIS UNION COLLEAGUES BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION ON ACCEPTING STATE SECRETARYSHIP IN SOCIAL AFFS. ARP' S DE KONGING HAS OPTED OUT OF ECONOMIC AFFS AND WILL BE REPLACED BY KVP' S HAZENKAMP, FORMER SECOND CHAMBER MEMBER. STATE SECRETARY SCHELFHOUT (EDUCATION) WILL NOT STAY ON AS HE HOPED, BUT BE REPLACED

BY LABOR' S PROF. KLEIN, MEMBER OF SECOND CHAMBER.

4. COMMENT: D '66 PARLIMENTARY GROUP VOICED ITS REGRET OVER GOUDSMIT DECISION AND FORMATEURS NOW TRYING TO SCARE UP NEW D'66 STATE SECRETARY. WHILE FORMATEURS STILL HOPE WRAP UP WORK AND HAVE CABINET SWORN IN TOMORROW, THEY COULD REQUIRE WEEKEND TO BE POSITIVE THERE NO LOOSE ENDS.

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